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SHORTAGE OF TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCERT has blamed distributors for shortage of text books ;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof ;

(c) whether the various distributors to which task i.s assigned are not timely printing books; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and further action taken by the Government to meet the shortage of text books?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT.D.PURANDESWARI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Distributors are not given any printing assignments by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).NCERT is mandated to print and supply textbooks for the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) including Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas. NCERT has taken all possible steps to ensure that its textbooks are made available across the nation, in sufficient numbers for CBSE affiliated schools in time.When shortages are reported in the CBSE affiliated system, NCERT has responded through its network of 235 approved wholesale agencies.